

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 290, nays 135, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 50]

YEAS—290

Abercrombie	Giffords	Mollohan
Ackerman	Gonzalez	Moore (KS)
Adler (NJ)	Gordon (TN)	Moore (WI)
Altmire	Grayson	Moran (KS)
Andrews	Green, Al	Moran (VA)
Arcuri	Green, Gene	Murphy (CT)
Austria	Griffith	Murphy, Patrick
Baca	Grijalva	Murphy, Tim
Baird	Gutierrez	Murtha
Baldwin	Hall (NY)	Nadler (NY)
Barrow	Halvorson	Napolitano
Becerra	Hare	Neal (MA)
Berkley	Harman	Nye
Berman	Hastings (FL)	Oberstar
Berry	Heinrich	Obey
Bishop (GA)	Herseth Sandlin	Olver
Bishop (NY)	Higgins	Ortiz
Blumenauer	Hill	Pallone
Boccheri	Himes	Pascarell
Bono Mack	Hinchey	Pastor (AZ)
Boren	Hinojosa	Paulsen
Boswell	Hirono	Payne
Boucher	Hodes	Pelosi
Boyd	Holden	Perlmutter
Brady (PA)	Holt	Perrillo
Braley (IA)	Honda	Peters
Brown, Corrine	Hoyer	Peterson
Buchanan	Inslee	Petri
Butterfield	Israel	Pingree (ME)
Cao	Jackson (IL)	Platts
Capito	Jackson-Lee	Polis (CO)
Capps	(TX)	Pomeroy
Capuano	Johnson (GA)	Price (NC)
Cardoza	Johnson, E. B.	Rahall
Carnahan	Kagen	Rangel
Carney	Kanjorski	Rehberg
Carson (IN)	Kaptur	Reichert
Castle	Kennedy	Reyes
Castor (FL)	Kildee	Richardson
Chandler	Kilpatrick (MI)	Rodriguez
Childers	Kilroy	Rogers (AL)
Clarke	Kind	Ros-Lehtinen
Clay	King (NY)	Ross
Cleaver	Kirk	Rothman (NJ)
Clyburn	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Roybal-Allard
Cohen	Klein (FL)	Ruppersberger
Connolly (VA)	Kosmas	Rush
Conyers	Kratovil	Ryan (OH)
Cooper	Kucinich	Salazar
Costa	Lance	Sánchez, Linda
Costello	Langevin	T.
Courtney	Larsen (WA)	Sanchez, Loretta
Crowley	Larson (CT)	Sarbanes
Cuellar	LaTourette	Schakowsky
Cummings	Lee (CA)	Schauer
Dahlkemper	Lee (NY)	Schiff
Davis (AL)	Levin	Schrader
Davis (CA)	Lewis (GA)	Schwartz
Davis (IL)	Lipinski	Scott (GA)
Davis (TN)	LoBiondo	Scott (VA)
DeFazio	Loeback	Serrano
DeGette	Lofgren, Zoe	Sestak
Delahunt	Lowey	Shea-Porter
DeLauro	Lujan	Sherman
Dent	Lynch	Shuler
Diaz-Balart, L.	Maffei	Simpson
Diaz-Balart, M.	Maloney	Sires
Dicks	Markey (CO)	Skelton
Dingell	Markey (MA)	Slaughter
Doggett	Massa	Smith (NJ)
Donnelly (IN)	Matheson	Smith (WA)
Doyle	Matsui	Snyder
Driehaus	McCarthy (NY)	Solis (CA)
Edwards (MD)	McCollum	Space
Edwards (TX)	McCotter	Speier
Ehlers	McDermott	Spratt
Ellison	McGovern	Stupak
Ellsworth	McHugh	Sutton
Emerson	McIntyre	Tanner
Engel	McMahon	Tauscher
Eshoo	McNerney	Taylor
Etheridge	Meek (FL)	Teague
Farr	Meeks (NY)	Thompson (CA)
Fattah	Melancon	Thompson (MS)
Filner	Michaud	Thompson (PA)
Foster	Miller (MI)	
Frank (MA)	Miller (NC)	
Frelinghuysen	Miller, George	
Fudge	Minnick	
Gerlach	Mitchell	

Tsongas
Turner
Upton
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Weiner
Walz

Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch

Wexler
Wilson (OH)
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—135

Akin
Alexander
Bachmann
Bachus
Barrett (SC)
Bartlett
Barton (TX)
Biggart
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blunt
Boehner
Bonner
Boozman
Boustany
Brady (TX)
Bright
Broun (GA)
Brown (SC)
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Buyer
Calvert
Camp
Cantor
Carter
Cassidy
Chaffetz
Coble
Coffman (CO)
Cole
Conaway
Crenshaw
Culberson
Davis (KY)
Deal (GA)
Dreier
Duncan
Fallin
Fleming
Forbes
Fortenberry

Aderholt
Bean
Campbell

NOT VOTING—8

Flake
Kissell
Poe (TX)

McKeon
McMorris
Rodgers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Myrick
Neugebauer
Nunes
Olson
Paul
Pence
Pitts
Posey
Price (GA)
Putnam
Radanovich
Roe (TN)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Rooney
Roskam
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Scalise
Schmidt
Schock
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shimkus
Shuster
Smith (NE)
Smith (TX)
Souder
Stearns
Sullivan
Terry
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Walden
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Wilson (SC)
Wittman

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Mr. HUNTER, Mrs. LUMMIS and Mr. BACHUS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 50, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

Stated against:

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 50, I was unavoidably detained and missed the rollcall vote. However, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

ELECTING CERTAIN MINORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 118

Resolved, That the following members are, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE— Ms. Lummis.
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR— Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS— Mr. Coffman of Colorado.

Mr. PENCE (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 135

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 135.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, January 12, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER, I am forwarding to you the Committee's recommendations for certain positions for the 111th Congress.

First, pursuant to Section 8002 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Committee designated the following Members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation: Charles Rangel, Pete Stark, Sander Levin, Dave Camp and Wally Herger.

Second, pursuant to Section 161 of the Trade Act of 1974, the Committee recommended the following Members to serve as official advisors for international conference meetings and negotiating sessions on trade agreements: Charles Rangel, Sander Levin, John Tanner, Dave Camp and Kevin Brady.

Third, pursuant to House Rule X, Clause 5 (2)(A)(i), the Committee designated the following Members to serve on the Committee on the Budget: Lloyd Doggett, Earl Blumenauer, John Yarmuth, Paul Ryan and Devin Nunes.

Sincerely,

CHARLES B. RANGEL,
Chairman.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 27. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the bicentennial of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-83, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the National Council of the Arts:

The Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following Senator to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress:

The Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4(a)(3) of Public Law 94-118, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following Senator to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission:

The Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI).

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 42 and 43 of title 20, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senator as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the One hundred Eleventh Congress:

The Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD).

The Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE).

The Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL).

The Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 276d-276g of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-United States Inter-parliamentary Group conference during the One Hundred Eleventh Congress:

The Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the One Hundred Eleventh Congress:

The Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS).

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK).

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 352, DTV DELAY ACT

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 108 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 108

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (S. 352) to postpone the DTV transition date. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 2. Section 2 of House Resolution 92 is amended by striking "February 4" and inserting "February 26".

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. FOX). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 108.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. CARDOZA. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, House Resolution 108 provides for the consideration of Senate bill S. 352, the DTV Delay Act. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Committee. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clause 10 of rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to commit with or without instructions.

Madam Speaker, under current law, all full-power TV stations will stop their analog broadcasts on February 17, 2009, and broadcast only digital signals. That means on February 18, millions of American households that have an older television and have not obtained an analog-to-digital TV converter box will suddenly have a blank TV.

Survey data released by the Nielsen Company reveals that as of January 2009, 6.5 million American households were completely unprepared for transi-

tion to digital TV, meaning every TV in their home will be blank on February 18.

And for a host of reasons, the Federal Government's efforts to help people buy the necessary converters—a disproportionate number of whom who are seniors, low-income households, and those in rural areas—have been insufficient.

Madam Speaker, too many Americans are at risk for losing their television service, and we need a one-time delay to get ready for the digital TV transition. The bill before us today, S. 352, the DTV Delay Act, is very simple. It postpones the date of analog-to-digital television transition for 115 days from February 17, 2009, to June 12, 2009. This will provide additional time to get coupons for the digital TV converter boxes to millions of American households that are at risk of being without television service.

This bill unanimously passed the Senate despite being unfortunately blocked by the House Republicans last week. It was supported by the Obama administration, the FCC commissioners and has been endorsed by numerous groups, including the AARP, Consumers Union, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology, the National Hispanic Media Coalition, the National Emergency Number Association, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Association of Broadcasters, AT&T Wireless, Verizon Wireless, Univision, ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC.

Madam Speaker, I would close by adding that this has not been an ideal transition to digital television, and this is hardly a perfect solution to the problem. But make no mistake, without this critical delay, millions of Americans may no longer be able to watch their television on February 18; and punishing consumers is surely not the way we fix this problem.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. FOX. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from California for yielding time, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We have some very eloquent speakers lined up on our side to talk about this bill, so I'm going to speak just a short time so I can leave plenty of time for my colleagues who have very eloquent statements to make on this issue, but I do want to point out that this process began a very long time ago.

It is a rather complicated issue, but even by Federal Government standards, this is a long time to accomplish a task. It's also, I think, an indication of the change that has come to Congress in the past 2 years.

We want change. President Obama has said he wants change, but he wants change that makes government work. This is going in the wrong direction, in